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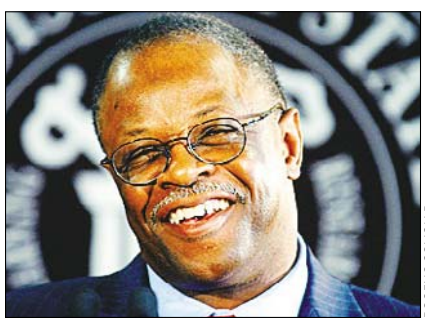

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Mississippi State University hired Sylvester Croom as head football coach on Tuesday.

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IRAQ | BRINGING DOWN A DICTATOR

PETAR KUJUNDZIC/REUTERS

MOVING DAY: U.S. soldiers watch as one of four giant bronze busts of Saddam Hussein is dismantled Tuesday in Baghdad. In another effort to stamp out loyalty to Iraq's ousted regime, U.S. troops arrested at least 20 insurgents in a raid in Hawija. ✣ **More:** Spain lays its dead to rest | Page 5

Warm-Up Chills Ski Business

TURIN, ITALY | Global warming is threatening the world's ski resorts, with melting at lower altitudes forcing the sport to move higher and higher up mountains, according to a United Nations study released Tuesday.

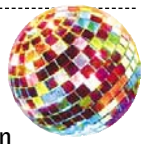
Downhill skiing could disappear altogether at some resorts, while at others, a retreating snow line will cut off base villages from their ski runs as soon as 2030, the report by the U.N. Environment Program warned.

The study focused on ski resorts in the United States, Canada, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and Australia, using temperature forecasts produced by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

The panel estimated temperatures will rise by 2.5 degrees to 10.4 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100 unless dramatic action is taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which many scientists believe trap heat in the atmosphere.

U.N. officials presented their findings at a conference of the International Olympic Committee, hosted by organizers of the 2006 Olympics in Turin, Italy. ANDREW DAMPF (AP)

TRENDS | **Burn, Baby, Burn** The Disco Inferno is aflame again — at least in Tokyo. A disco revival is one of the most talked-about cultural developments in Japan this year. But it's not trendy teens who are doing the Hustle; it's middle-aged office workers. The 21st-century discos are catering to the same people who boogied down in the 1970s. They're just older now and a little slower on the dance floor. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2



12 Ohio Shootings Related

Police refuse to speculate about identity of shooter

COLUMBUS, OHIO | Authorities have linked 12 shootings along a five-mile stretch of interstate around Columbus, including one that killed a woman and another that broke a window at an elementary school.

Four of the shootings — three at vehicles and one at the school last month — were from the same gun, Franklin County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Steve Martin said Tuesday.

Although ballistics tests could not link the rest of the shootings along Interstate 270, investigators said they "are comfortable" saying all 12 are connected, he said. Authorities have received more than 500 tips, but they would not speculate about the shooter's identity or release the type of weapon.

The shootings began in May, but many were not reported until after Nov. 25, when 62-year-old Gail Knisley was killed by a bullet that pierced the side of a car driven by a friend. ANITA CHANG (AP)

Military Technology Makes Gridiron Debut

LITCHFIELD, ILL. | With one of college football's most storied rivalries as the backdrop, a new helmet will debut Saturday, bringing technology from the battlefield to the gridiron.

The new helmets to be worn in the Army-Navy game borrow the shock-absorbing technology used to protect Army paratroopers from head injuries. It's the latest in a new generation of equipment inspired by studies into concussions, the brain-rattling blows to the head that helped end the careers of quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Steve Young. (AP)

EyeOpeners

HERIBERT PROEPPER/AP

ART

Heaven on Ice

Organizers in the German city of Lübeck decided to start at The Beginning when planning an ice sculpture festival. The show will feature scenes from the Old and New Testaments of the Bible depicted in ice, including angels, the Garden of Eden and Noah's Ark. The 26-foot high tent that will house the sculptures is expected to cover about 14,530 square feet and be kept at a frosty 14 degrees, organizers say. The festival begins next week and runs through January. (EXPRESS)

BIRTHDAYS

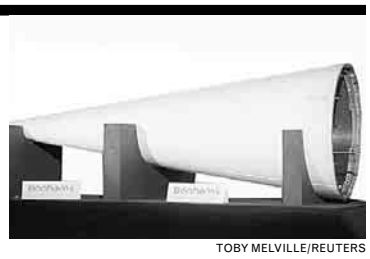
Lucky 113

At his age, Fred Hale Sr. doesn't mind getting a year older. Hale, recognized as the oldest man in America, quietly celebrated his 113th birthday on Monday with four generations of descendants at his side. Hale Jr. and seven other family members, including three great-grandchildren, gathered in Syracuse, N.Y., for a small party to mark the occasion. Hale became a celebrity of sorts in 1995 when the Guinness Book of World Records named him the world's oldest licensed driver at age 107. Hale is recognized as the world's ninth-oldest person; the oldest, 114-year-old Charlotte Benkner, lives in Ohio. (AP)

ATTRACTIONS

French Correction

Passengers on a ferris wheel have been amused to hear a French commentary inviting them to admire the River Seine and the Eiffel Tower — especially since they're in Birmingham, England. The firm that operates the 197-foot wheel on Tuesday blamed the mistake on "complex technical difficulties" encountered while the attraction was moved to Britain from its former perch in Paris. (AP)



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COMMERCE

Buy a Nose

Aviation enthusiasts demonstrated their passion for supersonic flight Monday, bidding a higher-than-anticipated $1.3 million at a British Airways auction of Concorde memorabilia and spare parts. The sale of the Concorde's distinctive needle nose for $550,000 was the highlight of the auction, which included more than 120 spare parts and decommissioned items from the retired aircraft. The buyer of the nose, New York resident Ferenc Gaspar, said he thought he got a good deal. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: Jirong Long of Omaha, Neb., gave birth to a 14-pound, 3 ounce baby girl last week — the largest baby doctors at Creighton University Medical Center have delivered in the hospital's 130-year history. (AP)

REFRESHMENTS

Tastes Like Liver

An Australian launched the latest accessory for pampered pooches Tuesday — bottled water in flavors like chicken and corn, liver and bacon, or beef. The purified Dog Plus K-9 water went on sale in pet stores at $2.10 for a 1.3 pint plastic bottle. "It's like a sports drink for dogs," said Andrew Larkey, the man behind the new taste treat. "Dogs get bored with plain water — they deserve variety just as much as people." Larkey plans a similar line of drinks for cats, in roast chicken and pork flavors, early next year. (AP)

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Hi 39	Hi 44	Hi 40	Hi 40	Hi 40
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AQI Today: Not available

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WASHINGTON

Pentagon Allows Terrorist Suspect Access to Lawyer

Reversing course, Pentagon officials have decided to allow a U.S.-born terrorism suspect access to a lawyer, the Defense Department announced Tuesday. The department will make arrangements over the next few days for a lawyer to visit Yaser Esam Hamdi "subject to appropriate security restrictions," a Pentagon statement said. Hamdi is being held as an "enemy combatant," a designation the Bush administration says denies him rights to a lawyer or a trial. (AP)

FLANDREAU, S.D.

Friend of Motorcyclist Cries On Stand in Janklow Trial

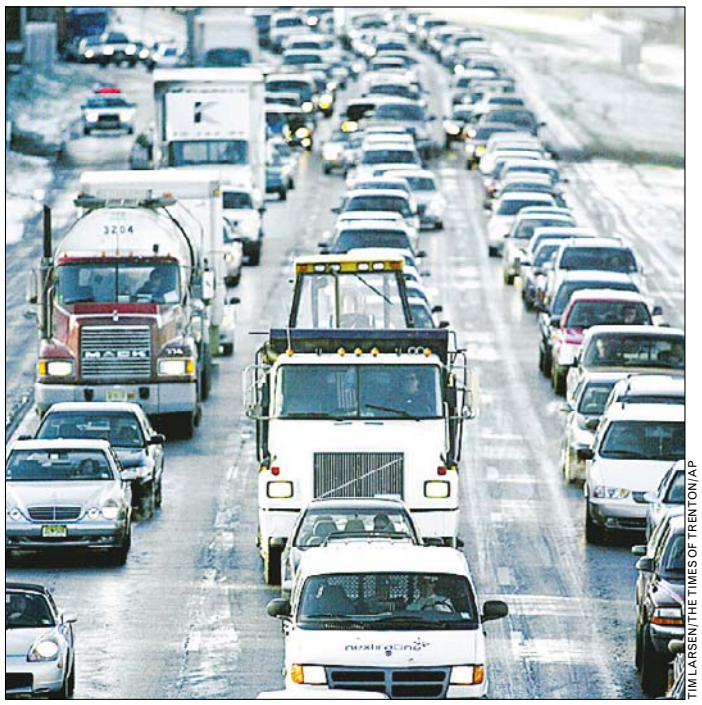
A man who was riding motorcycles with a friend killed in a crash involving Rep. Bill Janklow cried on the witness stand Tuesday as he told jurors about seeing his friend's lifeless body. Janklow, 64, is charged with second-degree manslaughter for his role in the Aug. 16 collision. Prosecutors say Janklow sped through the stop sign in a Cadillac and collided with a motorcycle, killing rider Randy Scott. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Public Financing System to Boost Political War Chests

Several Democratic presidential candidates are getting multimillion-dollar boosts as they head into next month's early primaries. Candidates participating in the presidential public financing system will get their first payments Jan. 2. Democratic hopeful Wesley Clark expects the biggest check, about $3.7 million. (AP)

ON THE ROAD | SURPRISE STORM



TIM LARSEN/THE TIMES OF TRENTON/AP

SLOW, SLIPPERY SLOPE: Traffic in Hamilton Township, N.J., inched along on Tuesday after a sudden snow shower in the Northeast. Many motorists were trapped in traffic after a wintry mix of light rain and snow coated roadways and iced bridges, causing hundreds of minor accidents.

Police Forced-Entry Process Clarified

Court approves 20-second wait in drug busts

WASHINGTON | In a victory for law officers, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously Tuesday that it was constitutional for police to wait 20 seconds before knocking down the door of a drug suspect.

LaShawn Banks was taking a shower when masked and heavily armed officers broke into his Las Vegas apartment in 1998 looking for drugs.

The Supreme Court used his case to clarify how long police must wait before breaking into a home to serve a warrant. The court ruled 9-0 that if police had waited any longer than 20 seconds, a drug suspect could be flushing evidence down the toilet.

In the Banks case, officers knocked and announced themselves, then waited 15 seconds to 20 seconds before using a battering ram to break down the door.

Justice David H. Souter, writing for the court, said that because police believed there were drugs in his apartment, officers had more reason to rush. GINA HOLLAND (AP)

ON THE DOCKET:
The Supreme Court on Tuesday also took the following actions:

- **Ruled against** a recovering drug addict who wanted his old job back.
- **Heard arguments** in the case of a former divinity student whose state-funded scholarship was revoked when he chose to major in theology.

Chief Backs Police In Beating Incident

CINCINNATI | Police appeared to follow procedure when trying to subdue a black man who later died, and "it's obvious one of the officers was assaulted" before the beating began, Police Chief Thomas Streicher said Tuesday.

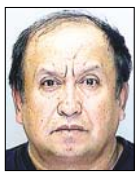
Nathaniel Jones, 41, died after being taken into custody Sunday outside a fast food restaurant. He was struck repeatedly with nightsticks in a confrontation captured by a video camera mounted on a police car. (AP)

Man Arrested in Missing Student Case

Still no word on Dru Sjodin's whereabouts

GRAND FORKS, N.D. | The arrest of a convicted rapist in the disappearance of a college student produced no immediate breakthrough in the search for the young woman Tuesday, but the police chief vowed: "Dru, we will find you."

Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 50, was arrested Monday night in nearby Crookston, Minn., and charged with kidnapping University of North Dakota student Dru Sjodin, 22. Sjodin has been missing since Nov. 22, when she left her job at the Victoria's Secret at a mall in Grand Forks.



Rodriguez

Prosecutor Peter Welte said police believe Rodriguez was in the mall parking lot the night Sjodin disappeared.

Authorities would not say exactly how they connected Rodriguez to the case, though they said it is routine to look at sex offenders in the area when investigating such crimes.

Rodriguez has convictions for rape, attempted kidnapping and aggravated assault, and has used a weapon in at least one assault, according to a Minnesota Corrections Department official. DAVE KOLPACK (AP)

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Moussaoui Appeal to Begin

U.S. prosecutors will defend efforts to deny access to terror suspects

WASHINGTON | Al Qaeda defendant Zacarias Moussaoui has stopped prosecutors cold in the only case stemming from the Sept. 11 attacks by raising issues of a fair trial that touch far beyond his courtroom.

A federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., will hear arguments Wednesday from prosecutors and Moussaoui's court-appointed lawyers over whether the government forfeited its right to seek the death penalty by refusing to produce certain al Qaeda witnesses for his defense.

The government says Moussaoui, who admits to being a member of Osama bin Laden's network, is trying to injure national security by eliciting secrets from the al Qaeda prisoners. The defense contends the government is curtailing his ability to prove his innocence.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema has sided with Moussaoui, issuing two rulings that would allow the French citizen, 35, access to three al Qaeda prisoners held abroad.

When the government refused to make the captives available, Brinkema punished the prosecutors by eliminating any evidence that could link Moussaoui to the suicide hijackings and barring the death penalty.

A Justice Department deputy solicitor general, Paul D. Clement, is expected to tell three judges from the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that future terrorism prosecutions will be severely jeopardized if the rulings stand. Defense lawyers will counter that Moussaoui's rights can't be trampled on in the name of national security.

LARRY MARGASAK (AP)

GOLDEN GUYS | OSCAR COMES ALIVE

JOHN HAYES/TRIO/AP

ON A PEDESTAL: Twins Leona Pastel, left, and her sister Kaveeta, 23 months, with their nanny Miriam Garcia, pass human statuettes on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles on Tuesday. The statuettes were placed by the Trio cable network to promote a pair of documentaries that looks into the public's obsession with awards shows.

Myriad Projects Await Spending Bill

WASHINGTON | A Texas oil museum, a Nevada swimming pool and a military cargo terminal proposed for Philadelphia are among thousands of winners in the year-end spending bill that Congress could vote on soon.

Disputes over overtime pay, federal records on gun purchasers and other issues are threatening its final passage when lawmakers return next week for end-of-session meetings.

As is traditionally the case with massive spending packages, the bill is studded with thousands of items designed to fuel support: billions of dollars in so-called earmarks, projects specifically for lawmakers' home districts.

Defenders say earmarks account for a tiny portion of the overall $786 billion that this year's spending bills are expected to cost. Lawmakers pass 13 such bills each year, but disputes among Republicans have led them to combine the final seven such bills into a giant package. (AP)

HANDS IN THE TILL

Among the earmarks listed in the congressional spending bill:

- **$3.7 billion** for U.S. roads, mass transit, rail and airports.
- **$50 million** to construct an indoor rainforest and aquarium heated by renewable energy sources in Coralville, Iowa.
- **$16,000** for new displays for the National Distance Running Hall of Fame in Utica, N.Y.

World

In Brief

MIDEAST

Israeli Vice P.M. Criticizes Powell Over 'Geneva Accord'

A senior Israeli official criticized Secretary of State Colin Powell's embrace of the "Geneva Accord," an alternate peace plan launched Monday by unofficial Israeli and Palestinian negotiators. Powell is expected to meet with the lead negotiators of the Geneva plan in the next week. "I think that he is not being useful to the process," Israeli Vice Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said. The United States is Israel's closest ally, and Israeli officials rarely use such language, even in times of disagreement. (AP)

TURKEY

Suspects Met With bin Laden Aide, Newspaper Reports

Two key suspects in the series of suicide bombings in Istanbul last month that killed 61 people met with and took instructions from Osama bin Laden's right-hand man, a newspaper reported Tuesday. Hurriyet newspaper, quoting from what it said was the testimony of one of the suspects, said main suspects Habib Aktas and Azad Ekinci met with bin Laden's top surviving lieutenant, Ayman al-Zawahiri, several times. (AP)

ITALY

Senate Passes Media Bill

The Italian Senate gave final approval Tuesday to a bill easing restrictions on media ownership, legislation that critics and analysts say will benefit Premier Silvio Berlusconi's media empire. Analysts say the bill means Berlusconi's Mediaset SpA, Italy's largest private media company, could lift its current Italian advertising revenue by as much as $1.2 billion. (AP)

VIETNAM

Businesswoman Given Death For Embezzling $7 Million

A businesswoman will face a firing squad for embezzlement that cost the government nearly $7 million, a judge ruled Tuesday. La Thi Kim Oanh, 48, served as director of an investment company affiliated with the Ministry of Agriculture from 1995 to 2001. The sentencing was broadcast live on national television as Vietnam works to publicize its campaign to crack down on corruption. (AP)

Spain Buries Its 7 Iraq Casualties

Reports hint that the agents were betrayed by an Iraqi 'source'

MADRID, SPAIN | Spain held a nationally televised funeral Tuesday for seven intelligence agents slain in Iraq amid suspicions that contacts in Iraq working with the agents tipped off their killers.

Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar — one of President Bush's strongest backers in the Iraq war — vowed not to withdraw Spain's 1,300 troops after his country suffered its deadliest attack in Iraq.

In Saturday's attack, eight Spaniards were returning from Baghdad to the Spanish base in Diwaniyah when they were ambushed by gunmen on a road 18 miles south of the Iraqi capital. One agent survived.

The group of Spaniards had gone to Baghdad apparently so the agents could meet "information sources," the newspaper El Pais reported Tuesday, quoting sources from Spain's National Intelligence Center.

"There may have been a tip-off or betrayal by someone," Defense Minister Federico Trillo told Spanish National Radio on Monday. (AP)

The coffins of the intelligence agents stand at the National Intelligence Center during the funeral in Madrid.

Readjustment: The U.S. has decided to form a new counterterrorism battalion comprised of militiamen from Iraq's largest political parties | Today's Post: Section A

U.S. Warns Of Imminent Attacks

Terror alerts issued for Saudi Arabia, Kenya

NAIROBI, KENYA | U.S. Embassies on Tuesday warned of possible attacks against two hotels in Kenya and a housing compound for Westerners in Saudi Arabia. Kenyan police said they were investigating reports that terrorists had packed a truck with explosives for an imminent attack.

"We cannot confirm the existence of this truck," said a Nairobi police official, adding that the U.S. Embassy alerted Kenyan authorities about the truck three days ago. The Kenyan police deployed their main paramilitary unit to both hotels. Further heightening fears, two banks in Nairobi were evacuated due to unfounded bomb threats.

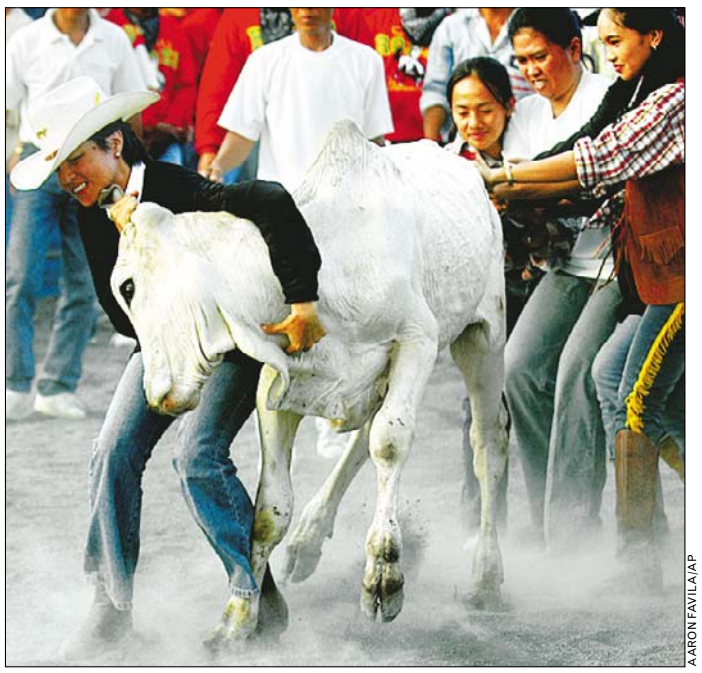
In Riyadh, Embassy spokeswoman Carol Kalin said that terrorists had the Seder Village compound under "active surveillance," and that other complexes may also be targeted. There are some 30,000 Americans living in Saudi Arabia. (AP)

On the trail: The U.S. was put on alert after Saudi officials thwarted a suicide bomber armed with a 1.2-ton bomb on Nov. 25 | Today's Post: Section A

SAYYID AZIM/AP

Paramilitaries guard the Barclays Plaza in Nairobi Tuesday after a bomb threat.

PHILIPPINES | RODEO DRIVE



AARON FAVILA/AP

COWGIRLS: Women wrestle a cow at the first National Rodeo Competition in Manila on Tuesday. The event was held as part of the Department of Tourism's efforts to attract visitors back to the Philippine capital.

Top Official Hints Russia Will Reject Kyoto Protocol

MOSCOW | In what would be a mortal blow to the accord aimed at halting global warming, a top Kremlin official said Tuesday that Russia won't ratify the Kyoto Protocol limiting greenhouse gas emissions because it will hurt the country's economy.

The United States rejected the accord for the same reason. Without Moscow, the protocol cannot come into effect even if approved by every other nation because only Russia's industrial emissions are large enough to tip the balance.

Kremlin adviser Andrei Illarionov told reporters Tuesday that it would be unfair for Russia to curb emissions and stymie its own growth while the United States and other nations, which account for the bulk of global emissions, refuse to join the pact. STEVE GUTTERMAN (AP)

HEARSAY | BOSNIA

"It demonstrates that all sides to the conflict ... committed violations."

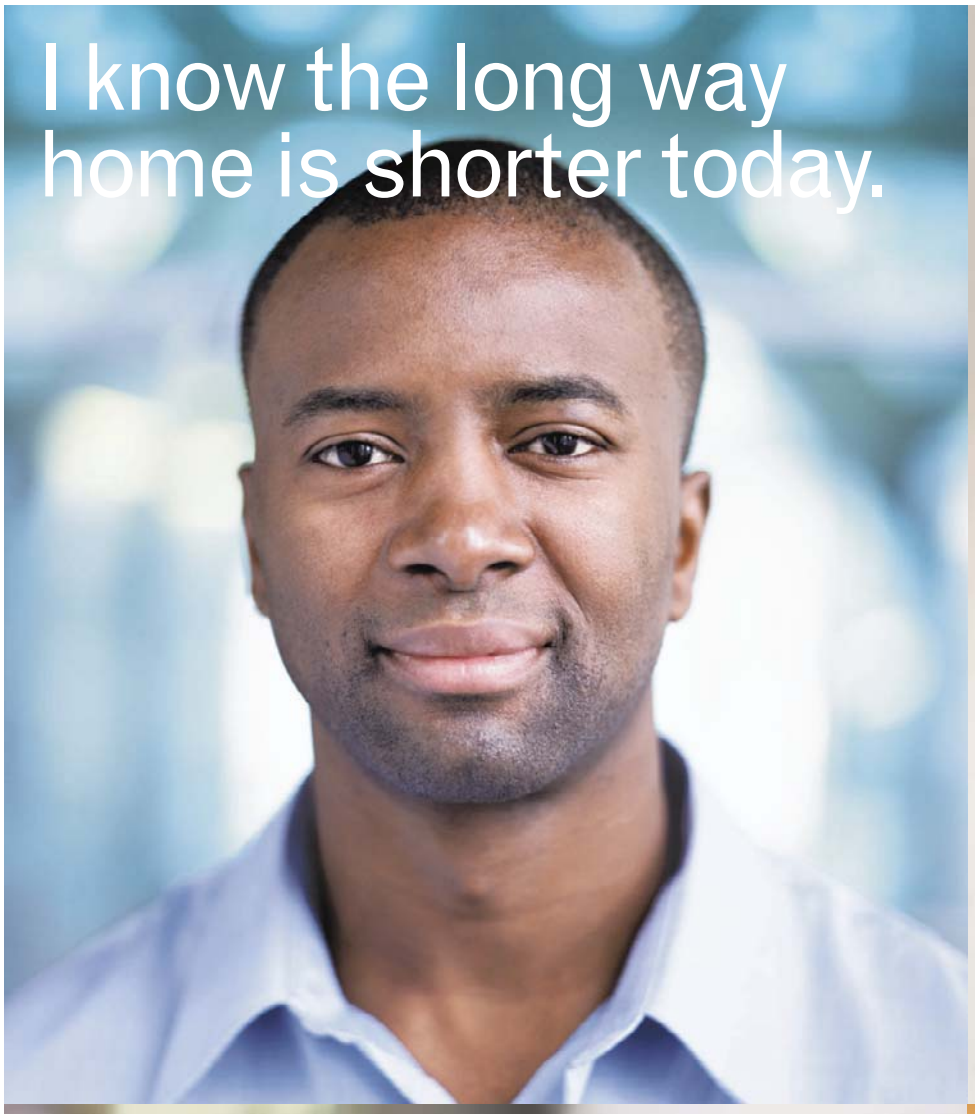
—U.N. PROSECUTOR EKKEHARD WITHOPF OPENING THE TRIAL TUESDAY AGAINST THE TWO HIGHEST-RANKED MUSLIMS TO BE TRIED FOR WAR CRIMES IN THE BOSNIAN WAR.

Cease-Fire in Ivory Coast Under Threat

ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST | Growing pro-government mobs armed with everything from AK-47s to rocks demanded a return Tuesday to all-out war against Ivory Coast's rebels — and threatened to attack French civilians here if French peacekeepers refuse to clear the way.

In Paris, Foreign Ministry spokesman Herve Ladsous said France would "absolutely not" bow to militant demands in its former colony. French forces in Abidjan fired stun grenades and tear gas into the hundreds-strong crowd besieging the French base.

The French army base is far from the center of town, however, and most of Abidjan was calm Tuesday. Nonetheless, the moves threaten to revive the recently ended civil war. France has 4,000 troops in the country to enforce a January power-sharing deal, which left the country split between the rebel-held north and government-held south. (AP)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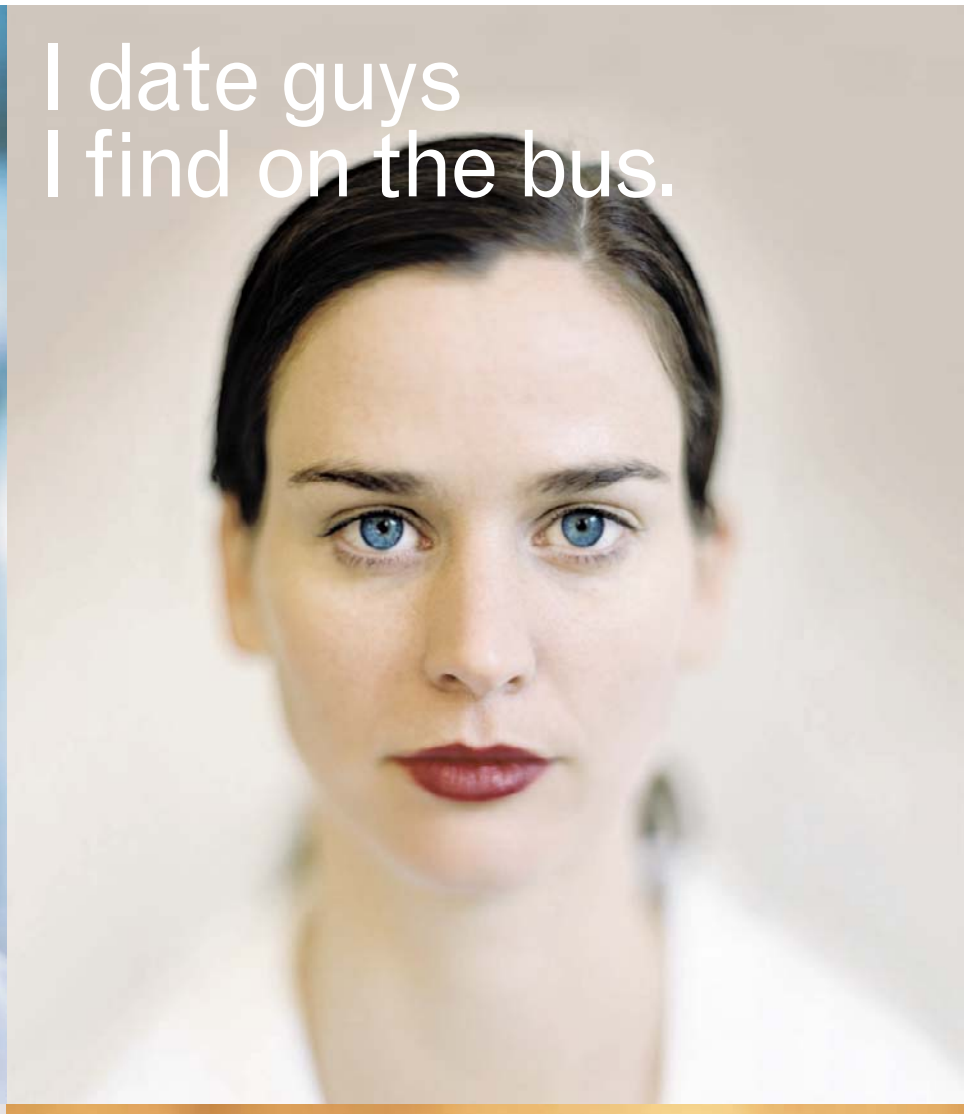
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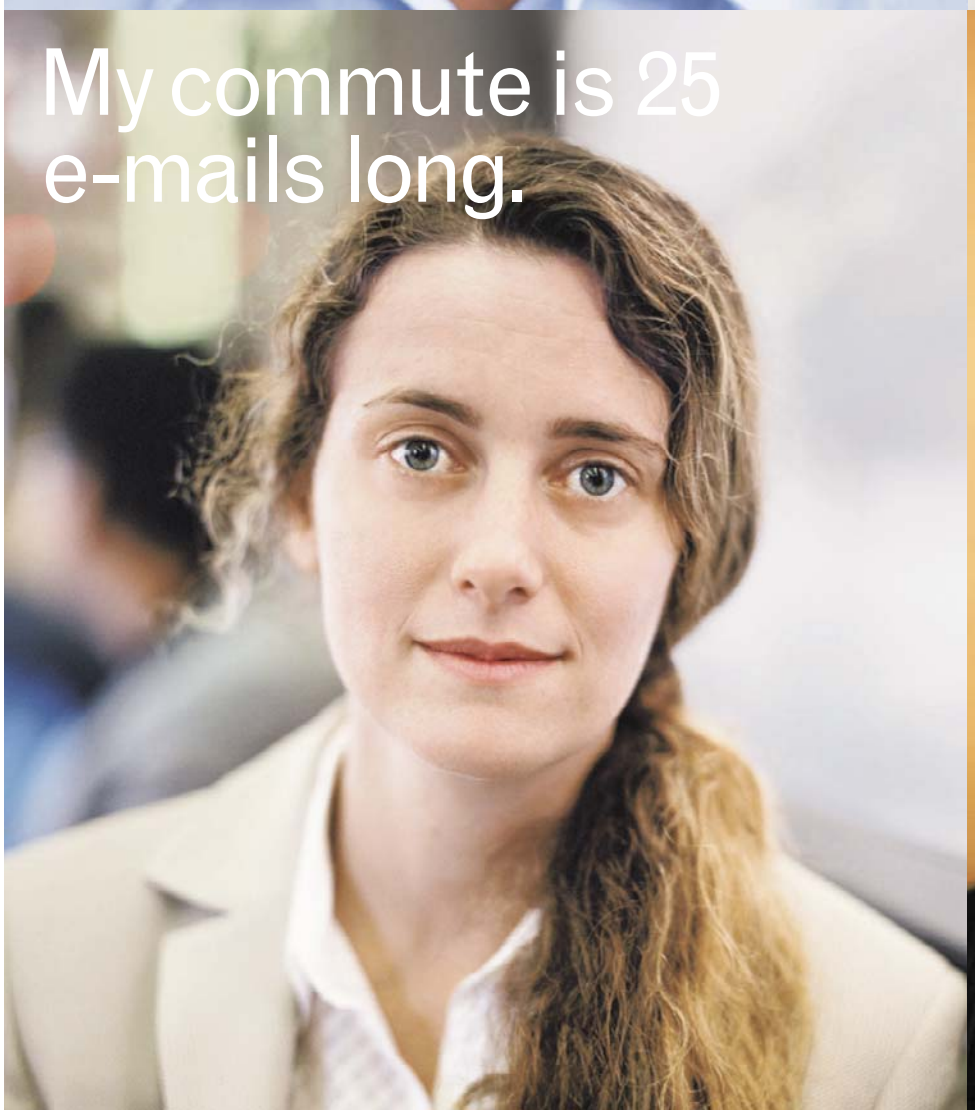
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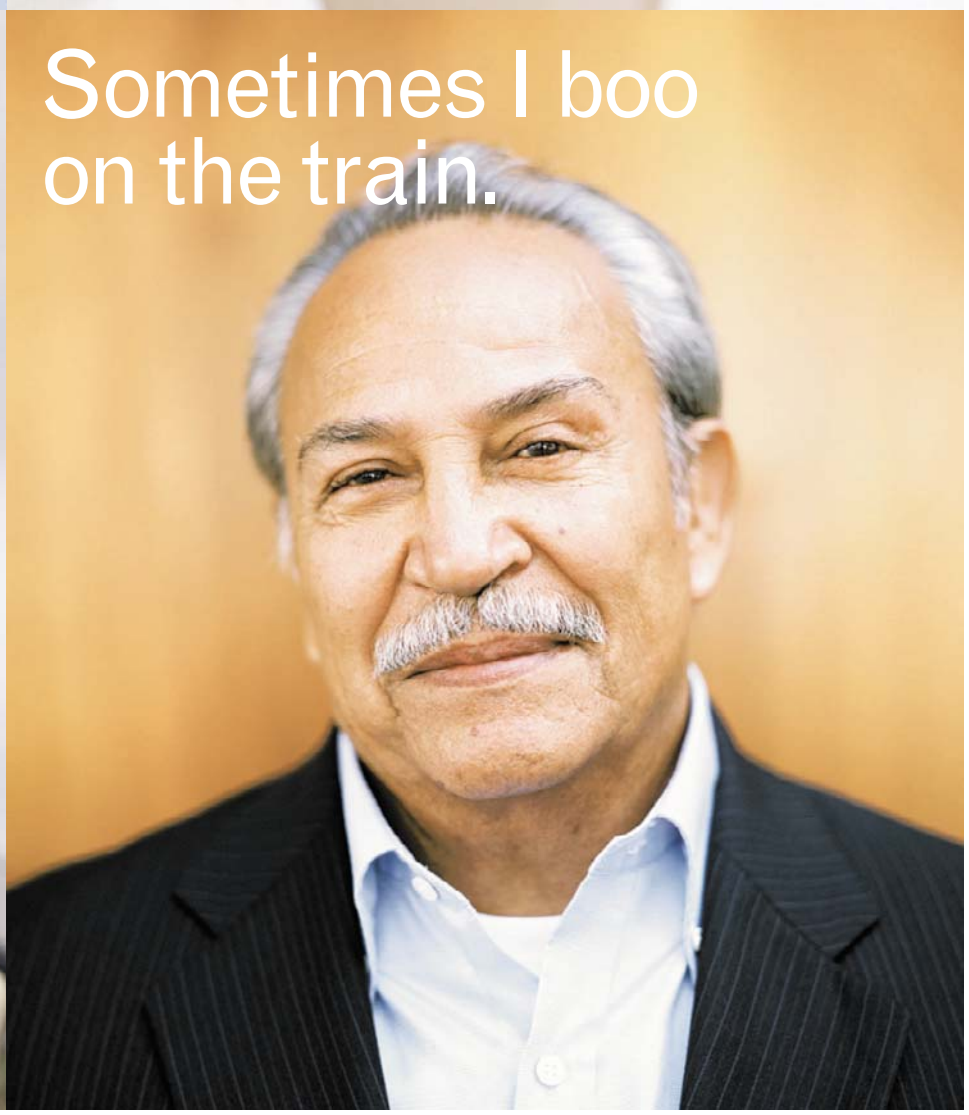
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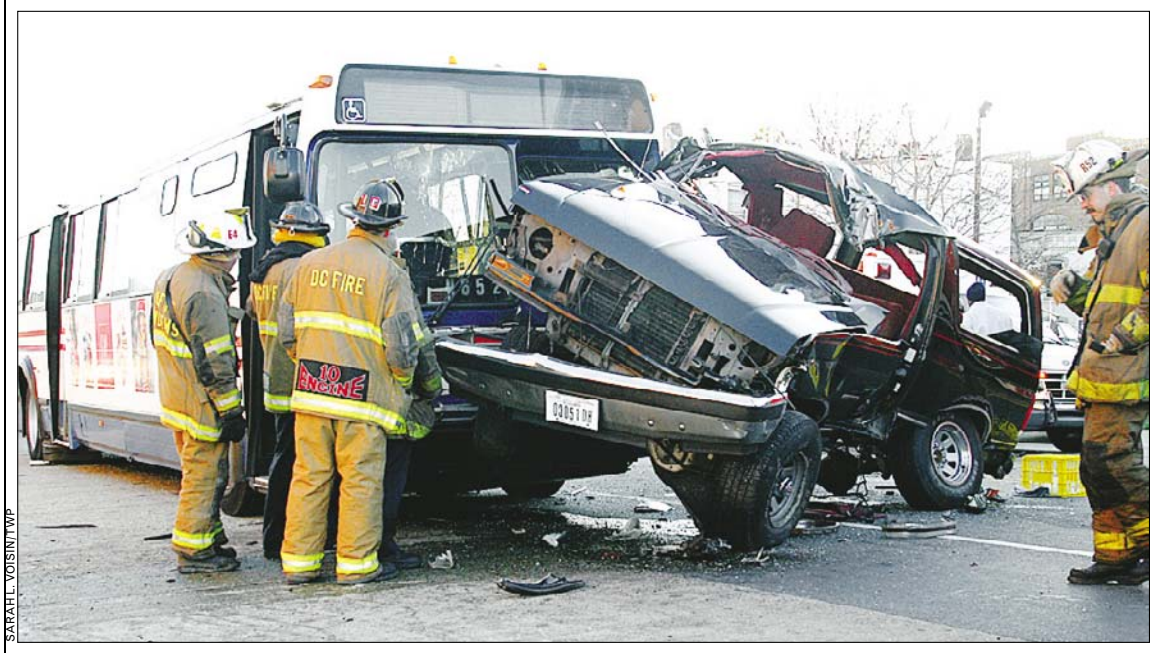

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D.C. Fire and EMS workers inspect a Ford Bronco resting on the front of a Metrobus after Tuesday's crash in Northwest.

At Least 11 Injured in Crash

Ford Bronco struck by Metrobus, shuttle in afternoon accident

WASHINGTON | At least 11 people were hurt — two seriously — in a crash Tuesday involving a Metrobus, a Howard University shuttle bus, an SUV and a pickup truck.

"The two most seriously injured people came out of the SUV," said Alan Etter, spokesman for the District of Columbia Fire and EMS Dept.

The crash happened about 3:15 p.m. at the corner of Sherman Avenue and Barry Place NW. The SUV — a Ford Bronco — was a twisted mess of metal when it came to a stop in front of the Metrobus.

Several witnesses said the Bronco ran a red light. "The Bronco jumped the light at Barry and Sherman, and the shuttle bus hit the Bronco broadside," said Reggie Hales, 47, of Clinton, Md., a Howard University employee who saw the accident occur. He said the Bronco flipped three times before being struck broadside by an approaching Metrobus.

Along with two men in the Bronco, eight other people were hospitalized. They included five people on the route 68 Metrobus with minor injuries; two Howard University students plus a third person on the shuttle bus also suffered minor injuries. (AP)

Testimony: Malvo Tried To Escape 'Situation'

CHESAPEAKE, VA. | Sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo sought a way out of his "situation" a few months before last year's sniper rampage in the Washington, D.C., area, John Allen Muhammad's first wife testified Tuesday.

Malvo wrote a letter "asking for help to get out of the situation he was in," said Carol Williams of Baton Rouge, La.

Malvo wrote to Williams's niece in the summer of 2002, when Muhammad and Malvo were visiting family in Baton Rouge. Muhammad introduced Malvo to the family as his son.

The letter was not read to the jury, and it was unclear what situation Malvo wanted to escape. Defense lawyers contend Muhammad brainwashed Malvo and molded him into a killer to help him carry out the sniper attacks in and around the nation's capital in October 2002.

Defense attorney Craig Cooley said the letter will be introduced to the jury Wednesday.

Carol Williams testified she discussed the letter with family members to determine if they could find a way to help Malvo, but by that time Malvo and Muhammad had left Baton Rouge. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Trial goes on: For the latest developments in Lee Boyd Malvo's sniper trial | washingtonpost.com/metro

Charges Filed Against 6 People In Death of Cat

WASHINGTON | Fairfax County Police on Tuesday announced charges have been filed against six people in connection with the death of a cat that was attacked by a pit bull, beaten with wooden sticks and set on fire.

Officer Sophia Grinnan, a police spokeswoman, said some members of the group used sticks with nails through them to beat the cat in the Oct. 5 incident.

Grinnan said three adults — the last two of which were arrested Saturday — had been charged in the incident and that three juveniles also would be charged.

All six are from the Lorton, Va., area. (EXPRESS)

Money

In Brief

BANKRUPTCY

Toy Retailer FAO Schwarz To File Chapter 11 Again

The owner of FAO Schwarz toy stores said it will file for bankruptcy for the second time this year as the company struggles to compete with discount stores. FAO Inc. said Tuesday it may liquidate its FAO Schwarz and Right Start stores if it cannot find a buyer for them by Dec. 15. The company also plans to liquidate its Zany Brainy stores. FAO filed for Chapter 11 protection in January and emerged from bankruptcy in April. FAO Schwarz owns 140 stores nationwide. (AP)

LEGAL

HealthSouth to Remove 5 Directors in Settlement

HealthSouth Corp., ceding to the demands of a shareholder lawsuit, agreed Tuesday to replace five directors who served while executives engaged in accounting fraud. Changes in the board membership will begin this month. Fifteen former executives have pleaded guilty to running a scam allegedly resulting in HealthSouth earnings being overstated by $2.7 billion. HealthSouth is the largest U.S. provider of outpatient surgery, diagnostic imaging and rehabilitation services. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: PepsiCo. announced Tuesday it will cut 750 jobs — 605 from its North American operations and 145 overseas. The cuts represent one- half a percent of its workforce. (AP)

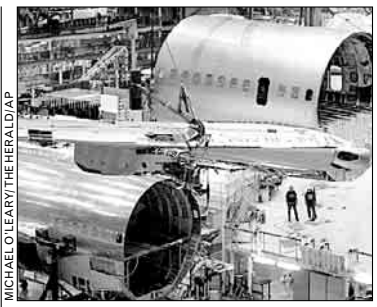
Pentagon Delays Deal With Boeing

Purchase of tankers put on hold in face of alleged misconduct

WASHINGTON | The Pentagon will postpone plans to acquire 100 air refueling tankers from Boeing in light of a scandal at the aerospace giant that has led to the dismissal of two executives and the resignation of Chairman and CEO Phil Condit.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said the Pentagon's internal auditor will examine whether the conduct of the two executives had any effect on the agreed plan to lease 20 tankers and buy at least another 80.

Boeing spokeswoman Deborah Bosick declined comment.



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Boeing 767 refueling tankers are assembled at the Everett, Wash., plant.

Wolfowitz has described the delay as "a pause."

Boeing said Chief Financial Officer Mike Sears and Vice President Darleen Druyun were fired for violating company policies on hiring and for trying to cover up the misconduct. KEN GUGGENHEIM (AP)

Invesco Charged With Market Timing

NEW YORK | Regulators charged Invesco Funds Group Inc. and its chief executive with civil fraud on Tuesday in the rapidly expanding mutual fund trading scandal.

In separate filings, New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and the Securities and Exchange Commission accused Raymond Cunningham and his Denver-based company of defrauding shareholders by allowing certain clients to engage in market timing — frequent, short-term trading that skimmed profits from long-term shareholders.

Authorities estimated that market timing of Invesco funds totaled approximately $900 million in assets at the company in 2003.

Invesco Funds denied any wrongdoing Tuesday and said it would "vigorously" contest any charges against the company or its employees. LISA SINGHANIA (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Entravisn	10.21	+1.21	+13.4
Titan Intl	2.21	+.23	+11.6
NelsnB	20.20	+1.95	+10.7
Theragen	5.50	+.51	+10.2
NovaStar s	44.22	+3.34	+8.2

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Huffy	5.94	-.86	-12.6
FDelMnt	25.15	-2.16	-7.9
WalterInd	11.95	-1.02	-7.9
AmWest	14.35	-1.13	-7.3
Nucor	52.66	-4.01	-7.1

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Transgnmc	2.25	+.50	+28.6
Westaff	2.43	+.53	+27.9
Eclipsys	13.03	+2.80	+27.4
Nanophs	7.50	+1.51	+25.2
CurnMed	3.62	+.72	+24.8

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Innovo	3.53	-.62	-14.9
AClaim	2.90	-.50	-14.7
DWalker	2.19	-.36	-14.1
US Oncol	9.12	-1.37	-13.1
SportsRst	4.42	-.63	-12.5

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-45.41	-9.75	-3.50
-0.46	-0.49	-0.33
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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	42.66	-.36	+14.4
Comcast	31.56	-.07	+33.9
Comc sp	30.37	+.29	+34.4
CoxCom	33.75	-.17	+18.8
Disney	22.58	-.59	+38.4
Fox Ent	28.30	-.41	+9.1
Gannett	88.93	+.66	+23.9
GM H	16.43	+.17	+53.6
GTelevsa	40.55	-.65	+45.2
LibtyMA	10.68	-.31	+19.5
LibtyMB	10.94	-.24	+18.9
NewsCorp	34.13	-.27	+30.0
Thomson	34.05	+.54	+27.4
Viacom	39.64	+.07	-2.9
ViacomB	39.52	+.02	-3.0

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.92	0.92
2-year	2.05	1.84
10-year	4.38	4.19
30-year	5.15	5.03

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5784	.5816	.6418
Canadian Dollar	1.2987	1.3039	1.5578
European Euro	.8277	.8350	1.0027
Japanese Yen	108.78	109.41	124.58
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Taiwanese Dollar	34.15	34.15	34.84

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Sports

Croom Takes Historic Step

Mississippi State breaks color line by hiring first black coach in SEC

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Sylvester Croom took over the reins of Mississippi State's beleaguered football program Tuesday, officially making him the sport's first black head coach in the SEC.

The Green Bay Packers assistant coach, who was greeted with a standing ovation and cheers as he was introduced, promised to work hard to revive a program that has had three losing seasons.

"A lot of you are here because of my cultural heritage. But it's not about me. It's about these young men to my right," said Croom, nodding in the direction of a handful of Bulldog players nearby. "I would just as soon my name and picture never be in the paper again."

This is Croom's first head coaching job. He has been an NFL assistant with five teams since 1987 and worked for Bear Bryant and Ray Perkins at Alabama from 1977-86.

Croom, 49, has been running backs coach with the Packers since 2001.

The Tuscaloosa, Ala., native was an All-American center for Bryant in the early 1970s.

Croom replaces retiring coach Jackie Sherrill. The Bulldogs are 8-27 since 2001 with just three Southeastern Conference victories. (AP)

ROGELIO SOLIS/AP

New Mississippi State coach Sylvester Croom was introduced on Tuesday.

Michael Wilbon: Sylvester Croom's hiring is long overdue for the Southeastern Conference, one of college football's most prestigious leagues | Today's Post, Sports

In Brief

KOBE BRYANT CASE

Bryant Lawyers Agree To Seal Some Documents

Kobe Bryant's defense team agreed with prosecutors Tuesday, saying some court documents in the Lakers star's upcoming sexual assault trial should be sealed from public view. In court filings, attorney Pamela Mackey said state District Judge Terry Ruckriegle should require both sides to file evidence-related documents under seal to avoid influencing potential jurors. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Marlins Re-Sign Two Players, Turn Attention to Rodriguez

With Mike Lowell and Luis Castillo re-signed, the Florida Marlins turned their attention to Ivan Rodriguez. Lowell agreed Tuesday to a $32 million, four-year contract with the Marlins, who also confirmed their $16 million, three-year deal with Castillo. General manager Larry Beinfest said Florida had made a multiyear offer to Rodriguez, the 10-time All-Star catcher who was a key to the Marlins' World Series title. (AP)

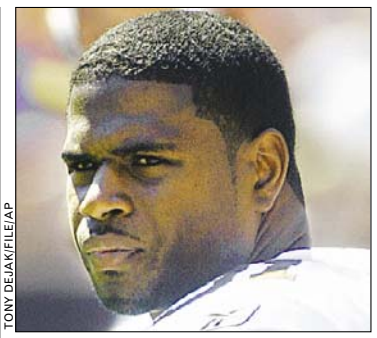
NFL Extends Green's Suspension

PRO FOOTBALL | The NFL extended its suspension for Cleveland Browns running back William Green on Tuesday, making it unlikely he will play again this season.

Green was expected to rejoin the Browns on Monday from a four-game suspension for violating the league's substance-abuse policy. But the league said it has lengthened its ban on the second-year back for "treatment purposes."

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue will decide when Green can return to the Browns after consulting with medical experts in the substance program, the league said.

Green, 23, was suspended by the NFL on Nov. 8 after being arrested on charges of driving under the influence and marijuana possession. While serving his suspension, Green's fiancee was accused of stabbing him in the back with a steak knife. (AP)



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Browns running back William Green might not play again this season.

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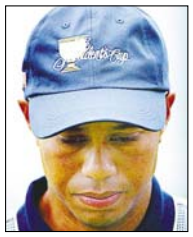

"The only positive out of the whole trip is that Elin didn't say, 'no.'"

—TIGER WOODS

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Sports

Nutraquest Says Orioles At Fault in Bechler's Death

PRO BASEBALL | A dietary supplement firm believes the Baltimore Orioles are liable in the death of pitcher Steve Bechler, and wants the team to pay any damages stemming from a lawsuit filed by the player's widow.

Nutraquest Inc. of Wall Township, N.J., formerly known as Cytodyne Technologies Inc., filed a proposed lawsuit Monday night in U.S. District Court in Miami against the Orioles. Nutraquest claims the tragedy "could have been avoided" if the team had acted properly.

Bechler, 23, collapsed with heatstroke in February at the team's spring training site in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

A bottle of Xenadrine RFA-1 — a dietary supplement sold by Cytodyne — was found in Bechler's locker.

His widow, Kiley, filed a $600 million wrongful death lawsuit against the supplement company.

Russell Smouse, general counsel for the Orioles, said Tuesday, "Nobody connected with the Orioles did anything that contributed to the death of Steve Bechler. To suggest the Orioles in any way are responsible is an irresponsible contention." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

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Kiley Bechler, widow of Steve Bechler, mourns her husband last February.

Greek Public Left Out Of Security Plans

OLYMPICS | Even as Olympic planners pour more money into security, one low-cost but potentially potent resource is being overlooked: the eyes and ears of the public.

Some neighbors near Olympic venues say they haven't been contacted by security forces.

The concept is simple: asking residents to be tipsters about anything suspicious in their neighborhoods.

The result, security officials say, gives authorities the potential for round-the-clock vigilance and a last line of defense against possible attacks from terrorists who may be hiding in the community.

That strategy hasn't been incorporated into the Aug. 13-29 Athens Games' security plan.

Greek police spokesman Col. Lefteris Ikonomou said the "phase of informing citizens on a closer basis" won't start until close to the games for fear it could reveal "sensitive aspects" of the security plan. (AP)

GOING PRO: Virginia Tech star running back Kevin Jones will forgo his senior season in college and declare himself eligible for the 2004 NFL draft. An official announcement is expected on Wednesday. (AP)

Today's TV Lineup

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) No. 13 Georgia Tech (5-0), which defeated Connecticut last week, visits 2-2 Ohio State, winners of two in a row.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7:30 p.m. on ESPN2) No. 20 Purdue (4-0) hosts Clemson (3-0) as part of the ACC/Big 10 Challenge.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (9 p.m. on ESPN) No. 5 Michigan State (3-1) hosts No. 6 Duke (3-1) in early season marquee matchup.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (9:30 p.m. on ESPN2) The Acc/Big 10 Challenge concludes with Minnesota (2-1) visiting Virginia, off to a 3-0 start this season.

Blood Legacy

An actor fulfills a family destiny — by playing a samurai

PERSONALITY | He is the great-great-grandson of a samurai warrior named Wakaji. His own name is a derivation of Saigo Takamori, a 19th-century samurai who is considered a tragic hero in Japan. So, does Moritaka Yoshida see it as providence that he plays a samurai in the new Tom Cruise epic, "The Last Samurai"?

"Nothing is an accident," Yoshida claimed.

"My great-great-grandfather ... actually fought a lot of battles. After he survived, his group went to Hokkaido, where he cultivated land. The government said, 'No more swords [for samurai],' but he kept his to protect his own people from gangs and all that stuff."

In the film, Yoshida portrays one of four "ronin," or samurai mercenaries, who attack Cruise.

DAVID JAMES/WARNER BROS.

THUNDERING HOOVES: Tom Cruise (left) is leader of the pack as an American Civil War officer who finds a less noisy but no less fraught struggle in feudal Japan.

"We actually use metal swords, not plastic ones," Yoshida said. "Although there is no edge on [the swords], if you don't take the right timing and distance, you can poke someone's eye out or break someone's finger."

Directed by Edward Zwick, who co-wrote the screenplay with John Logan and Marshall Herskovitz, "The Last Samurai" tells the story of an American cavalry officer (Cruise) who searches for redemption amid the upheaval of late-19th-century Japan, where feudal samurai confront the encroaching Western world. The film opens Friday.

Born and raised in Chiba, near Tokyo, Yoshida studied martial arts and later put that expertise to work in films, TV and commercials. He played the red ranger in the popular children's television series "Power Rangers" and choreographed the Power Rangers live show world tour.

Yoshida is also looking to land other movie roles. "I am already talking to other producers and directors," he said, noting that he prefers films where the humanity of the characters comes through as strongly as the action.

ROBERT W. WELKOS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Top Stops

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Singing Through the Cold: A Celtic 'Talisman'

1 Irish vocalist Susan McKeown recites and sings in "A Winter Talisman," a Celtic celebration of winter with songs and early Celtic poetry. Scottish fiddler Johnny Cunningham and guitarist Aidan Brennan help out.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

JOHN-FRANCIS BOURKE

Cunningham and McKeown invoke protection against the bleak season.

New Kitchen Sink: 'York Realist' Opens

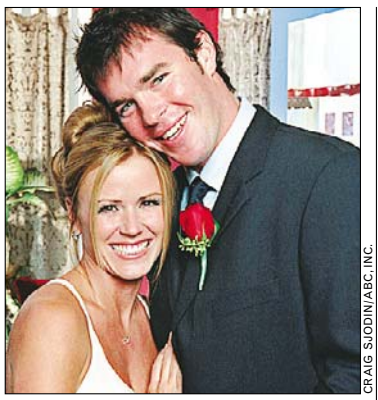
2 Peter Gill's bittersweet memory play, "The York Realist," which enjoyed an extended run in the West End and won the 2002 Critic's Circle Award for Best Play, opens tonight at the Source. It's the spare, quietly told story of two men caught in a time and place (1960s Yorkshire) that treats their attraction as an impossibility.

Studio Theatre, 1333 P St. NW; $25-$45; 202-332-3300. (U St.-Cardozo)

Tiny Bubbles: Seasonal Sparklers

3 The Wine Guys, who in their secret identities are mild-mannered wine-shop proprietors Bob and Fred Luskin, host a seasonal tasting. Tonight's event is called, "The Wine Guys Compare De Facto Champagne With Sparklers From Around the Globe" — real bubbly vs. I-can't-believe-it's-not-real-bubbly in a variety of price ranges.

Borders, 1801 K St. NW; 6:30 p.m.; 202-466-4999. (Farragut North)



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The tux is from Rentals Plus, the couple from Dr. Frankenstein's basement.

Till Debt Do Us Part

TELEVISION | This column was written on an Apple iMac computer using Microsoft Word.

How dumb does that sound? If there's anything more annoying than the sound of Trista Rehn's voice, it's the cancerous growth of product placement in primetime.

Ever notice how often Jack hops into a Ford F150 truck on "24," the show brought to you by the Ford F150 truck? "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" offers an hour-long celebration of name-brand skin creams, hair products, boutiques and even teashops. But at least those guys keep you laughing.

As it did last week, tonight's "Trista and Ryan's Wedding: Part 2" (9 p.m., ABC) continues the onslaught of obnoxious label name-dropping and vulgar hype. In fact, the entire three-hour-long series is an excuse for the bride-to-be to drool over china patterns, caterers, florists, bakers and other services.

Tonight, we'll also get to peek at the bachelor and bachelorette parties. The whole dismal shebang concludes next week when the overexposed bride and groom exchange their I-do's during an interminable two-hour special. With any luck, there'll be some high-priced divorce attorneys in the audience. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Missy's Solid C

The innovative rapper seems to be out of new ideas

MUSIC | If only Missy Elliott's new disc, "This Is Not a Test!" (Elektra), were a test. That way, its failure could be easily explained as B-material released in between albums.

It's a surprising disappointment for one of music's most adventurous artists, and especially frustrating coming only months after her dazzling, sci-fi-sounding disc, "Under Construction."

Many of the new songs sound like retreads of old hits — even the bass line of the first single, "Pass That Dutch," bears more than a passing similarity to "Work It."

And Elliott's rhymes often sound uninspired, especially on "Is This Our Last Time," which samples heavily from Shalimar's "Second Time Around." "Pump It Up" suffers from weak lines such as, "I'm a thick chick, skinny girls act snooty," and a weaker hook.

ALISTAIR GRANT/AP

Elliott still knows how to work it, but her latest record needs more work.

Granted, the girl knows how to work a groove; "I'm Really Hot" is a scorching track with old-school flavor, and her collaboration with R. Kelly, "Dats What I'm Talkin About," is deliciously freaky. Still, one expects more because of Elliott's high standard of funkiness.

NEKESA MUMBI MOODY (AP)

Entertainment

ON TV TONIGHT

STARS ON ICE

CHRISTMAS IN ROCKEFELLER CENTER (8 p.m., NBC) Al Roker and Ann Curry host this year's extravaganza featuring musical performances by Harry Connick Jr., Ashanti, Enrique Iglesias and the Brian Setzer Orchestra. Plenty of network stars will be on hand as well, including Martin Sheen, Stockard Channing and Elisabeth Moss from NBC's "The West Wing," and Christopher Meloni and Mariska Hargitay from NBC's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit." (Nothing says "ho ho ho" like a visit from the sex crimes unit.) Tracy Morgan will also show up to promote his new NBC sitcom, "The Tracy Morgan Show."

HORNBLOWER: STILL ALL WET

HORATIO HORNBLOWER (8 p.m., A&E) Fans of "Master and Commander" who can't get enough of tall sails, rough seas and swashbuckling should definitely enjoy the continuing TV movie saga. In tonight's installment, "Duty," the dashing commander (Ioan Gruffudd) approaches the morning of his wedding with a greater sense of obligation than affection. But it doesn't take long for the action to swing from the wedding party to the boarding party as the H.M.S. Hotspur returns to the sea to take on the French fleet.

ANDREW ECCLES/USA/AP

Tony Shalhoub as the gifted but obsessive-compulsive detective, "Monk."

HOW ABOUT 'SETH DAY'?

THE O.C. (9 p.m., Fox) Seth creates his own holiday, a blend of Christmas and Hanukkah.

'MONK' RETREAT OVER

Oh, brother! If there's any subject that dominates my e-mailbag it's letters from readers asking where they can find **MONK**. Fans of Tony Shalhoub's Emmy Award-winning detective series can rejoice. The second season of "Monk," seen on USA last summer, will air on ABC beginning Jan. 17.

WHAT LADIES?

THE SIMPLE LIFE (8:30 p.m., Fox) A dairy farm job proves too much for the ladies.

CULT CHOICE

THE FORTUNE COOKIE (8 p.m., TCM) A shady lawyer (Walter Matthau) talks a cameraman (Jack Lemmon) into committing insurance fraud in this 1966 comedy directed by Billy Wilder.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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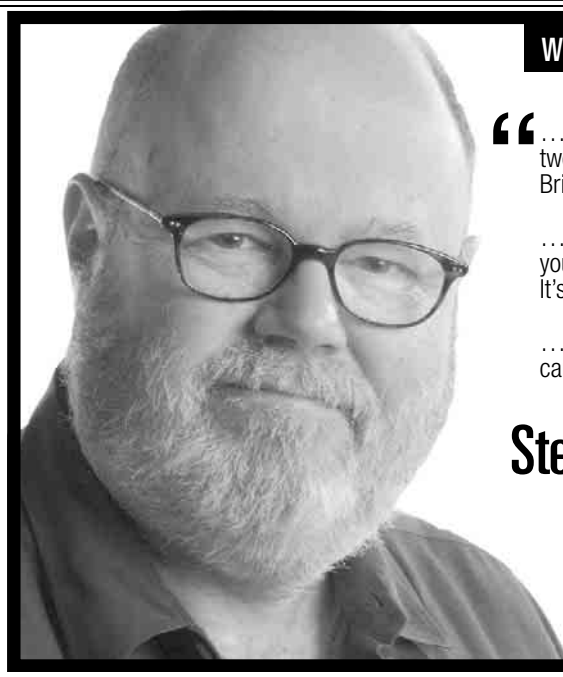

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Live Online

LOU ANN HAMMOND is the founder and owner of carlist.com, a used car database. She chats regularly at washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

How do you rate the Suzuki passenger car line for reliability and the quality of the dealer servicing?

Have you seen the new Suzuki Verona? It's a great car for the price. Suzuki's reliability has gone up a lot in the last five years and they have plenty of dealers to service you. This comes from the top down: Rick Suzuki is set on getting 1 percent of the American market and I think he's on his way.

What do you think of Kia models such as the upcoming Amanti?

Kia is quietly making some of the best cars at the best price and gradually pulling their reputation up as a serious contender. And the Amanti is a beautiful car.

How is the 2002 Oldsmobile Alero? Any major problems?

No big problems other than there are no Oldsmobile dealers anymore. However, according to Bill Stacey from GM, they are working out ways to service Oldsmobile cars in GM dealerships.

I have a 1997 Civic hatchback. I put about $1,500 into it this year. Should I suck up the money I spent and buy the new Prius I want?

Suck up the money. The Prius will save you in gas what you're spending in maintenance.

Hardtop, Soft Ride

The XLR convertible heralds a new era in design at Cadillac

ROAD TEST | Cadillac's new roadster sure can make a person feel special.

Maybe it's the look of this low-riding, hardtop two-seater. Or maybe it's the fact the XLR is a luxury convertible whose low production numbers — just 3,000 to 5,000 are expected to be built and sold in the first full year — mean few people will be able to get one.

Perhaps it's the fun use of technology. For example, the XLR's doors have no keyholes. To get inside, a driver can press the key fob to unlock the car or just have the keyless remote device in a pocket or purse she's carrying, then touch the hidden door handle.

With a manufacturer's suggested retail price of $76,200, the XLR is, indeed, a special kind of ride.

It's meant to be, because it's Cadillac's new halo car — designed to prove that the years of old-style, unimpressive cars at America's best-known luxury brand have come to an end.

If the XLR's expressive looks don't convince you, its performance and handling should. The rear-drive XLR has a firm, controlled feel and goes into curves and corners with impressive composure. The car is low-slung and rather wide, so it maintains a nice, flat attitude in the curves. Steering is crisp, too.

But the ride isn't punishing. The XLR is one of the world's first vehicles with Magnetic Ride Control. It's a technology that uses tiny iron particles in the dampers to adjust the damping effort of the shocks in just milliseconds as it receives constant data from sensors that read the road surface.

The next-generation Northstar V8, mated to a five-speed automatic transmission, provides the XLR's power in silky smooth fashion. Shifts from gear to gear in the automatic mode were so smooth, I had to watch the tachometer needle to note the shift points.

The transmission also has a "manumatic" mode that lets a driver shift gears for himself, sans clutch pedal. A true manual transmission isn't offered.

The only option on the XLR is XM satellite radio. Note there are no choices for wheels and tires.

Cadillac officials said 70 percent of XLR buyers are expected to be men. Median age is likely to be 54, with household annual income expected to be more than $250,000. ANN M. JOB (AP)

FUTURE PERFECT: The XLR convertible is one of the world's first cars with Magnetic Ride Control, a new shock technology.

2004 CADILLAC XLR

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LENGTH: 177.7 inches
WHEELBASE: 105.7 inches
MILEAGE: 17 mpg city, 25 highway
TOP SPEED: 155 mph
BASE PRICE: $75,385

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SNOW JUMP: A snowboarder soars over new snow at Vermont's Killington resort.

Season's Greeting

New England slopes open with even more glades, terrain parks

WINTER SPORTS | Skiing and snowboarding season has arrived in northern New England. The 2004 season brings an avalanche of changes to the slopes of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont aimed at satisfying thrill-seekers and traditionalists alike.

Skiers and riders will find new and expanded glades on the region's mountains, offering a varied experience to those who are ready to ease up on the throttle a tad and cruise between the silver birches or snow-brushed evergreens.

They're also helping to keep lift lines shorter. Ski areas find that the little extra time it takes skiers to run through the glades helps to free up space and expand lift capacity.

Among the areas to add glades are Maine's Sugarloaf USA, which calls its new runs Kick Back and Boomscooter, and the smaller Black Mountain in Rumford.

Virtually every ski area in the region has a terrain park, and many have been expanded or modified with new hips, spines, rainbow rails, half-pipes and other devices to keep boarders flying and grinning.

Mount Abram, a smaller ski area near the seven-peak Sunday River in Newry, Maine, got the message and converted a tube run into a terrain park.

Terrain parks are no longer the exclusive playground of snowboarders. The new arrivals are younger, hipper thrill-seekers who use skis.

"It seems to me it's definitely in vogue to be a skier again, especially in the terrain parks," said Heather Atwell of Ski Vermont Areas Association. GLENN ADAMS (AP)

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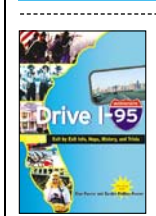

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→ Practicalities
Maps for every 30 miles of road list exit assets from the quirky to the quotidian. (Cracker Barrel, anyone?)

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The married couple visited all 420 exits twice — once going north, once going south.

→ Local Exits
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→ Bottom Line
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People

THE PAST

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MARY ALTAFFER/AP

WAX

She's a Material

Madame Tussaud's in New York debuted a credible wax **MADONNA** on Tuesday. Though it does not equal the breathing, pole-dancing wax Britney Spears that bowed earlier this year, the figure possesses a palpable grace Spears lacked. Her hand draped elegantly between her legs and her hair in a chignon, Madonna is at peace, contemplating the Kabbala, perhaps. (EXPRESS)

FAIR DEEDS

O! A Humble Knight

MICK JAGGER said Tuesday that he will go to Buckingham Palace on Dec. 12 to accept his knighthood. After difficulties caused by his touring schedule, Jagger

was initially slated to be knighted on Dec. 10, the same date rugby star Jonny Wilkinson will be made a Member of the Order of the British Empire. But Jagger did not want to draw attention from the man who led England to the rugby World Cup title last month. (AP)

VOICES

Prince Valiant? Not Exactly

Ewan McGregor will voice the title character, a pigeon, in an animated feature film from the producer of "Shrek." A humble wood pigeon, Valiant overcomes his small size to become a hero in Great Britain's Royal Air Force Homing Pigeon Service during World War II. "Valiant" will also feature the vocal stylings of Ben Kingsley, as General

Keyserlingk, the feared German falcon leader, Rupert Everett and Jim Broadbent. Meanwhile, McGregor opens next week in Tim Burton's "Big Fish." (EXPRESS)

SHOCK

Christians Object Again

Zurich District Prosecutor Michael Scherrer said Tuesday that **MARILYN MANSON** was under investigation for allegedly breaching Swiss law

protecting religion as well as making incitements to violence during a concert in the city in February 2001. The Swiss-based Christians For Truth lodged the complaint. Christian groups and lawmakers in Zurich had tried unsuccessfully to have the latest concert banned on grounds that Manson's views were offensive to a majority of the population. (AP)

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TO THE EDITOR

WILL METRO NEVER LEARN? The Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Metro, in its infinite wisdom, decided not to adjust its schedule to accommodate the thousands of people who routinely get an early start on the four-day weekend.

It's the same stuff every year. People get off at 3 p.m., and the Metro is full of people waiting on four-car trains that are not on a "rush" schedule. Many people missed trains out of Union Station because of Metro's lack of initiative. After years of this, you would think they would learn.

—RICHARD TWIGG
Gambrills, Md.

CONCERNING THE STORY "H-Bomb Survivors to Protest Museum's Enola Gay Exhibit" (Dec. 2): The nuclear fission bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were atomic bombs (A-Bombs). Thermonuclear fusion, or hydrogen bombs (H-Bombs), have been tested but never dropped on human populations — thank God.

An H-Bomb is hundreds of times more powerful than the device dropped by the Enola Gay. It would be wise for none of us to lose the distinction.

—DAVID W. LOWE
Washington, D.C.

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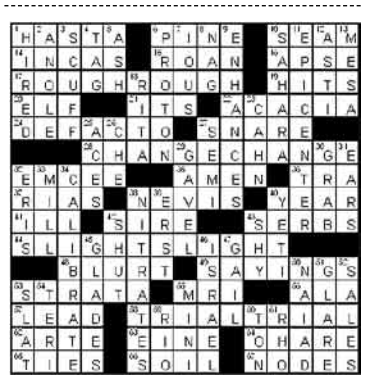
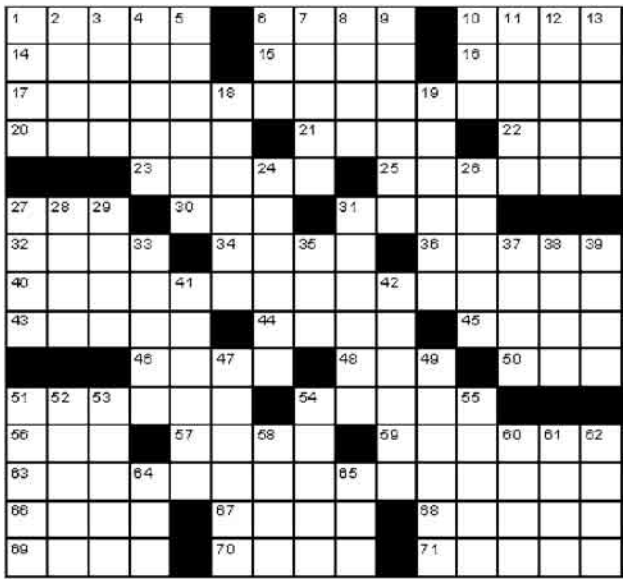


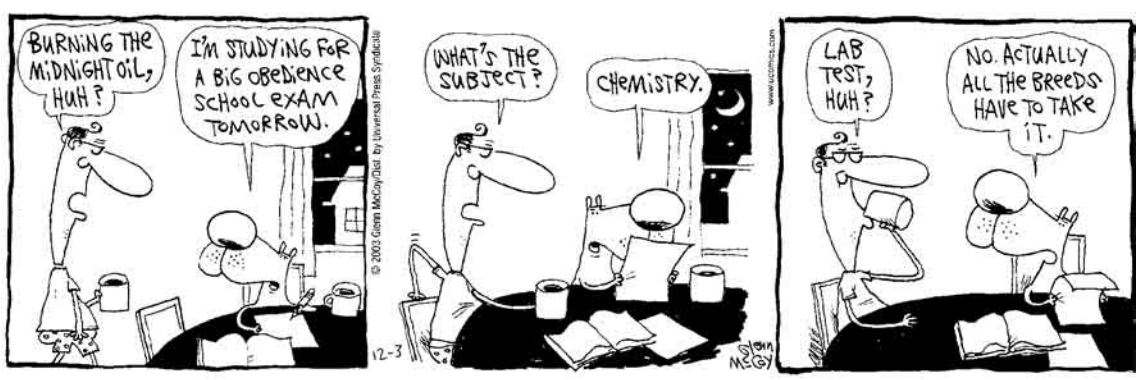
Crossword Puzzle: Win Some, Lose Some | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



ACROSS
1 Ripsnorters
6 Popular game fish
10 Native peace-maker
14 "Carmen" or "Aida"
15 One Adam Twelve, e.g.
16 Delicate deer
17 Some class reunion attendees
20 Type of condor
21 ___ the Man
22 Hotness under the collar
23 Lippy
25 Perfume bottle
27 Unleaded alt.
30 Tom, Dick and Harry
31 Use a sense
32 PAC member
34 Pacific islands' staple
36 Fireside implements
40 Bo-Peep problem
43 Quinine water
44 Robin Cook book
45 The very best
46 Create a permanent impression
48 Width units
50 Novel
51 Worldly
54 Pass a bill
56 Pindar product
57 Travel document
59 Possible
63 Went bonkers
66 Dame Kiri's forte
67 Saskatchewan indian tribe
68 Congeals
69 Posted, as a letter
70 Put a stop to
71 Hole for an anchor rope

DOWN
1 Lady of song who gets whatever she wants
2 Well-briefed about
3 Ignore Polonius' advice
4 Prods
5 Arabic word meaning peace
6 Tend tables
7 Uptight
8 Look for evidence
9 Fighter plane action
10 Start to date?
11 Architectural order
12 San ___ Sula, Honduras
13 Home of Krupp
18 Beginnings
19 Hot fishing spots, usually
24 Seize before it passes
26 Maui greeting
27 Iron oxide
28 Radar return
29 "Glengarry ___ Ross"
31 Armed adversaries
33 Unfamiliar
35 Greek P
37 Some make light of it
38 Unit of inheritance
39 Etna's action
41 6 x 9-inch book size
42 Open shelter
47 Boxing maneuver
49 Pressing problem?
51 Coke and Pepsi
52 Be smitten with
53 Plastics ingredient
54 Flip-chart support
55 Drums of India
58 Doris Day song word
60 Bungle
61 "Why don't we?"
62 To be, to Brutus
64 Knot and loop
65 Famous opera house

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Underlying tensions must be unearthed and discussed if you're to avoid any lasting rift between yourself and a friend or family member.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You and a partner may find that you're not always compatible — especially when you're both working on a project that is a personal favorite.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You're in the mood for something a little different, but you may not know just where to turn to find it. A friend has the answer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Your reaction to the routine and expected will be quite telling. Someone close to you may show concern; should you be worried?

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Anticipation isn't all it's cracked up to be — especially when you were best to let some things happen unexpectedly. Be surprised.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Sensitivity is one thing, but guard against letting it all hang out at the drop of a hat. There are times to be guarded.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may worry about the behavior of someone close to you — but there is only so much you can do, short of taking over.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may find yourself at the center of the whirlwind, but with just a little more confidence you can get everything under control.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your schedule is becoming more and more complicated. Work harder to keep your mind clear and your wits about you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Image isn't everything, but you will want to look and sound your best when making a personal request. Rules are rules, after all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Someone is going to have to decide whether it is best to stay put or be on the move before the day is out. Perhaps it should be you?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — The prospect of facing one of your deepest, darkest fears is sure to make you hesitant — but be sure to move forward, nonetheless.

CONDOM DISTRIBUTION

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

RONALD KING, director of prevention and intervention services at the D.C. Dept. of Health was online Tuesday to discuss the District's new policy of distributing condoms.

Some D.C. official said Tuesday that there should be as many condom dispensers as water fountains in D.C., including high schools. I'm not shocked by the idea that some teens engage in sex, and I don't believe it's the role of government to prevent this, but couldn't you propose a common sense way to help curb the spread of AIDS without offering such red meat to the Bush-Falwell-DeLay crowd?

My response is we have a policy in the District government of "abstinence plus." We realize that many of our youth, as well as some adults, choose abstinence and in the health department, we don't want any of our young people in school engaging in sex. However, data show that 75 percent of high school students engage in sexual activity before graduation.

When we first introduced condoms into D.C. high schools we saw a precipitous drop in the pregnancy rate which was excellent evidence that we were having an impact along with our abstinence instruction.

A recent Post article mentioned condom distribution in government office buildings and "straight" bars, but these efforts seem to be missing the populations that need the most intervention: gay men, bisexual men and drug users.

For several years, the Department of Health has had an aggressive policy of distributing condoms in gay establishments, including condom machines. We now are including other clubs and office buildings in our distribution because we have seen the trends in HIV infection in the city encompassing larger numbers of the heterosexual community, plus we know that many gay and bisexual men prefer frequenting "straight" clubs.

Today on Live Online:
7 P.M.: Post High School Sports Editor Jon DeNunzio discusses the upcoming basketball season.

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